

Die Martis, viz. primo die Junii, Anni Domini 1647.

Confidente domo longe frequentissima Causa Convocationis  
revertitur ista, ut res magni momenti ad Bonum &  
Academiz spectantes tractarentur.

Deinde in hunc modum proponebatur à Vicecancellario.

Placuit Vobis ut Delegati nominentur Quorum vel ma-  
jor pars, vel ad minimum ex iis quinque deliberent & sta-  
tuant, & in nomine Universitatis respondeant in universum  
omnibus quæ ad rem Academiz publicam pertinent. In  
eodem Convocatione Procuratores nominabant hos Venc-  
rabilis & Gregorius Viri, quorum vel major pars, vel ad mini-  
mum ex iis quinque deliberent & statuant, & in nomine Aca-  
demiz respondeant in universum de omnibus quæ ad rem  
Academiz publicam pertinent: viz.

<p><i>Bayly.</i> <i>Parker.</i> <i>Sheldon.</i> <i>Oliver.</i> <i>Angell.</i> <i>Pitt.</i> <i>Hammond.</i> <i>Sanderson.</i> <i>Morley.</i> <i>Sugge.</i></p>	<p>Doctores M. In Artibus.</p>	<p><i>Wake.</i> <i>Wainwright.</i> <i>Tozer.</i> <i>Barlow.</i> <i>Webberly.</i> <i>Barker, Col: No:</i> <i>Newell.</i> <i>Good.</i> <i>Walker.</i></p>
<p><i>Sanders. In Med:</i> <i>Maplet.</i> <i>Alworth. In leg: Civ:</i></p>		<p><i>Hon, Col: Trevin:</i> <i>Creed, Johani:</i> <i>Hawson, Merit:</i> <i>Stradlin.</i> <i>Cinisterbooks.</i></p>

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Quandoquidem ex supra ordinatione, constat nonnulla de Nationali Fratre, sacramento Negativo aliisque Ordinationibus ad Disciplinam Ecclesiasticam, & Divinum cultum Spectantibus brevi nobis proponi posse, de quibus iusti & graves adhiberunt scrupuli, quo minus integra conscientia à nobis admitti possint, ne vel obnoctes admittere, vel Cedentes lætæ Religionis, in posterum arguantur. Pleerque vobis ut Schedulæ istæ in quibus varii prædicti scrupuli continentur (quas plerique vestrum legistis, vel lætæ audivistis) iam satis sententiam vestram comprobare, nullo modo diffidimus communicant, ac in publicis Actibus mittimus. Deinde ut Delegatus permittatur hæc Schedulæ, qui (prout res postulaverit) nomine Academia exhibeat. Quod summo omnium consensu excipiebatur, nemine contradicente, uno tantum quod sciamus dissentiente.

Concordant supra scriptum cum Regi-  
stris Venerabilis Romani Convocatio-  
nis Ita Testor Johannes French Na-  
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*Die Jovis, March 2. 1647.*

**W** Hereas Doctor Samuel Fell Deane of Christ Church in the University of Oxford, Doctor Gardiner, Doctor Iles, and Doctor Morley, Canons of Christ Church aforesaid, have bene sufficiently convicted of an high contempt of authority of Parliament, in denying the power and authority of Parliament. The Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, declare & adjudge the said places voyd of the said Deane and Canons, and them, and every of them from their respective places and profits of their places do remove. And have constituted and Ordained, and by these presents do Ordaine, that Edward Reynolds professor of Divinity shall be the Collegiate Deane of Christ Church College aforesaid, and Christopher Rogers Master of Arts, Henry Wilkins Bachelor of Divinity, and Henry Langley Master of Arts, shall be Collegiate Prebendaries of Christ Church aforesaid, and shall from henceforth take, possess, and enjoy all the Lodgings and profits which did formerly of right belong to the said ejected Deane and Prebendaries respectively.

*In Browne Cler. H. Elfringe Cler. Parl. Parliamentorum, Dom. Com.*

*March 17. 1647.*

*A Declaration to the observers of the Articles for the Surrender of Oxford.*

**W** Hereas there is, and hath bene, great care taken for the Observation of the Articles agreed on for the surrender of Oxford. And some who were not present at the surrender, expect benefit by them: and divers who were present presume to violate them. Wee the Visitors of this University of Oxford do hereby declare that we shall use the utmost of our power to procure what favour we can for all such as observe the said Articles, and do thereby render themselves capable of the rights and priviledges granted to them by the Articles aforesaid.

By order of the Visitors  
*Gul. Newbouse Cler. Com.*

At a meeting of the Visitours, March 30<sup>r</sup> 1648.

**W**Hereas divers Members of this Vniversity by studied delays, do seek advantages and endeavour to retard the great works of Reformation intended by the Parliament to be made and perfected here in *Oxford*. Wee the Visitours of the Vniversity of *Oxford* (observing that divers do plead that they did no way contribute or assist towards the raising of an Army against the Parliament; and that they gave no manner of aid or assistance to any Army after it was raised against the Parliament; but by constraint and against their will; and considering that others assure that they tooke up armes no where else but in *Oxford*; and here also by expresse command during the time it was a Garrison for defence thereof; and do therefore desire the benefit of the 10<sup>th</sup> of those Articles agreed on for the surrender of *Oxford*) have thought fit to give all manner of Persons (who have not refused to submit to this present Visitation) time till the eighth day of the next month immediately ensuing to bring in their severall Pleas and Presentations of this or the like nature (subscribed with their owne hands) whereby they hope to render themselves capable of favour; and we allow any one of the Visitours here upon the place to receive such Pleas, which are to be considered by five or more of us: But if this faire offer be sleighted by such as are now present in the Vniversity, or may reasonably be conceived to have sufficient notice of it, we know not what Apology to make for them, when we shall be called upon (how soone we know not) to give in a punctuall Account of this present Visitation; and we desire all to take notice that slender excuses and vaine pretences will not be admitted by such as are entrusted to examine the conscience of such consequence and weight.

By order of the Visitours  
G. M. Newson's Cler. Com.

At a meeting of the Visitours, March 30. 1648.

WE the Visitours of the University of Oxford observing that divers Graduates and other Members of this University are guilty of Nodivagation, In-temperance, Perturbation of the Peace, and breach of Articles in severall respects, especially in offering intollerable affronts and abuses to the Souldiers of this Garrison. Do hereby declare our high resentment of these notorious and inexorable crimes, and do assure all the Members of this University, and all priviledged persons whatsoever, that we are resolved to proceed according to the trust reposed in us against all that are or shall be guilty of the forementioned, or the like offences according to the quality and degree of their demerits. And do hereby give notice to all persons that they are to be bound to the same. By Order from the Visitours, *Guil. Newhouse Reg. Com.*

*Die Jovis, Martij 23. 1647.*

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament; that the Generall be desired to give such Assistance to the Visitours and other Persons employed in the Reformation of Oxford by authority of Parliament, as shall be necessary for the better and more effectuell carrying on that work.

*Resolved, &c.*

That no persons which are to compound within the Articles of Oxford, ought to compound for Offices of Power or Profit, or the profits that appertaine to them.

*H. Elsinge Cler.*

*Parl. Dem. Com.*

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*Articles*

Articles of Enquiry

Die Veneris September 24. 1647.

At the Committee of Lords and Commons for the Visitation and Reformation of the University of Oxford.

This Committee doth hereby declare,  
That the Commissioners appointed by the Ordinance of May the first 1647. for the Visiting Reforming and Regulating of Oxford may enquire of, heare and determine all and every Crime and Crimes, Offences, Abuses, Disorders, and all other matters whatsoever which (by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realm, or by the rightly established Customes or Statutes of the said University, or by the severall Statutes of the Colledges and Halls in the same, or any of them respectively) may lawfully be enquired of, heard and determined in the course and way of Visitation of the said University, or of the said Colledges, Halls, Masters, Schollers, Governours, Professors, Students, Fellowes, Members and Officers or of any of them respectively, And that they may proceed to all intents and purposes even to the passing a Definitive sentence upon any of the said Governours, Professors, Masters, Schollers, Graduars, Fellowes, Members or Officers of the said University or any Colledge or Collegiate Church or Hall in the same, as and according as by the said Lawes, Statutes and Customes, or any of them, any other Visitors by any authority whatsoever appointed might proceed, for the better Regulating and Reformation of the University of Oxford, and the severall Colledges and Halls in the same, and for the due correction of offences, abuses, and disorders especially of late time committed there. And the Commissioners are likewise authorized and required to consider of the lawfullnesse and fitnesse of such oarthes as are enjoined by any Statute or Custome of the said University, or any Colledge, Hall, or Foundation in the same and to present their judgement (whether they a e fit or unfit to be taken) to this Committee.

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Moreover,

This Committee doth declare that the Commissioners appointed by the Ordinance of the first of May last past to Visit, Reforme and Regulate the Vniversity of Oxford, are authorized to enquire concerning the Deane, Prebendaries, Students, Schollers, and Officers of the Cathedrall or Collegiate Church of *Christ Church*, and of all and every the Governors, Masters, Professors, Fellowes, Graduates, Students, Schollers and Members of all and every Colledge and Hall in Oxford, of all and every the Officers belonging to any of them, or to the said Vniversity.

Whether all or any Members or Officers of the Vniversity (as aforesaid) do neglect to take the Solemne League and Covenant, and the Negative Oath, or either of them? Articles of Enquiry

Whether all or any of them have opposed the execution of the Ordinances of Parliament concerning the Discipline and Directory, or either of them, or have not promoted or checked the same, and every of them to be put in Execution according to their severall Places and Callings?

Whether any of them as aforesaid, have taught or written against any point of Doctrine, the ignorance whereof doth exclude from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper: and particularly whether any have taught allowed, or published any Arminian, Socinian, or Popish, errors contrary to the said points of Doctrine?

Whether all or any of the said Vniversity have taken up or beene in Armes against the Parliament, or against any Forces raised by the authority thereof or have beene active in assisting or encouraging the Forces raised against the Parliament, and particularly whether any of the said Vniversity have sent in any Place or Money to the King to encourage and helpe Him to raise Forces against the Parliament or requested His Majesty to send Forces to Oxford, to protect Delinquents against the Justice of the Parliament, or perswaded the King to put a Garrison into Oxford, that

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He might settle some Forces there, or were Delegates to the fortifying of *Oxford* against the Parliament, or raising of Contribution for the supply and defence of the same from June 1642. until June 1646; or at any time between the prefixed times.

*V.* What crimes, offences, abuses, disorders, have been heretofore or lately committed by any Officer or Member of the University as aforesaid against any Lawes and Statutes of this Realme or against any Scannons or Customes rightly established of the said University, or against any of the severall Statutes of the Colledges or Halls, or any of them respectively.

*These and other Articles of Enquiry presented upon the Ordinance of the 15th of May 1647 were approved in a Committee of Lords and Commons upon the 22 of Sept 1647.*

*Pembrokegomery H. Kent  
 Es. Aldermer Es. Manchester  
 F. Rous Ed. Leigh. Humph. Salisbury*

*April 7. 1648.*

*As the Committee of the Lords and Commons for the Reformation of the University of Oxford.*

*Ordered*

*That the several Tenants of the University of Oxford be ordered to provide the King to put a Garrison into Oxford that*



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